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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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1. Congo

The Stanleyville rebels claimed today they had moved the hostages out of the city as Van Der Walle's column went forward, meeting little or no resistance. Tshombé has publicly warned the Belgians that their rescue mission must first be cleared with him.

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2. Italy

The future of the Moro government may be decided in nationwide municipal elections this weekend. A cabinet crisis could follow if his socialist coalition partners, who appear to be in trouble, lose heavily and decide to pull out.

3. South Vietnam

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4. Yugoslavia-Czechoslovakia

5. Communist China

6. France-MLF

Embassy Paris reports that the Gaullists are switching tactics on the MLF, and will lay off further public attacks for the time being. They believe the new British proposals have bought them some time.

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7. Communist China - Africa

The number of African states recognizing Peiping has recently reached seventeen, and Chad, Mauretania, and Ethiopia appear on the brink.

8. Canada -
Communist China -
UN

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Annex 2 discusses the Chinese representation issue.

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9. Panama

The Communists are trying to embroil the Robles government with the US by exploiting the Canal issue. [REDACTED]

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10. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

Today's blast from Peiping against Khrushchev and all his policies, together with a comment by the Soviet ambassador in Djakarta that Moscow has decided to proceed with a meeting of world Communist parties, suggests that the hiatus in Sino-Soviet polemics may be under serious strain.

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ANNEX 1

Military Developments in South China

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Aerial photography of 14 November shows more than 300 vehicles, including earth-moving equipment, in the area. Preliminary measurements of the runway suggest that when completed it will be more than 9,000 feet long. Numerous barracks and support buildings are scattered throughout the project. Approximately 92 antiaircraft artillery (AAA) revetments, 87 of them occupied, have been identified.

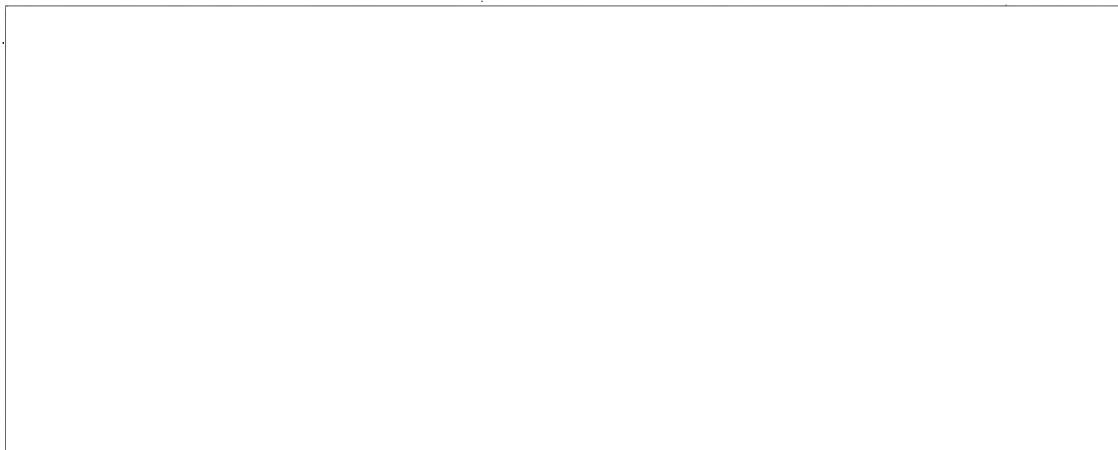
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ANNEX 2

Chinese Representation in the UN

It now appears that a resolution calling for the seating of Peiping and the removal of Nationalist China from the UN will for the first time come close to or possibly even achieve a simple majority vote in the Assembly.

Whether Peiping actually attains a majority continues to hinge in large part on the decisions of only a few African and Middle Eastern countries. Congo Brazzaville, the Central African Republic, Kenya, and Zambia seem certain to add new votes to Peiping's total. Dahomey is probably also now in Communist China's column. Cyprus, Malaysia, Sierre Leone, Malawi, Malta, Chad, Senegal, and perhaps a few other West African and some Arab states are still uncertain and presumably open to persuasion.

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The problem of maintaining the "important question" ruling is now receiving prime consideration. In 1961 the General Assembly voted 61 to 34 to consider the Chinese representation issue an "important question," thereby requiring a two-thirds vote to seat Peiping. In the US view, this ruling stands unless formally reversed by a subsequent vote in the Assembly, but should the Assembly decide to reconsider, the ruling could presumably be overturned by a simple majority.

It appears certain that some form of resolution will have to be passed reaffirming the 1961 ruling. Some countries which plan to vote for Communist China are apparently willing to uphold the two-thirds requirement should that be put to a vote.

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Even with two-thirds rule in force, Chiang Kai-shek might withdraw from the UN, if Peiping should gain the votes of a simple majority.

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